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New Bernians we've talked to admitted they were somewhat disappointed at what they saw (or didn't see) when Ranger 7 photos from outer space were released for public scrutiny.

Scientists, of course, were more enthusiastic. Even untrained eyes found ample evidence that the Man in the Moon has a much worse complexion than was previously supposed.

Incidentally, think how much money Uncle Sam (and the Russians) might have saved, if Mother Goose had rigged her high-jumping cow with cameras for that famous nursery-rhyme leap.

Mirror readers who belong to the Lupton clan won't want to miss out on the annual family reunion at Whortonsville this Sunday. A couple of hundred Luptons usually show up for the big, table-sagging picnic.

It's one of those happy affairs where everybody eats to capacity, and ends up toting more untouched food home than was consumed. Shake your family tree real hard. If a Lupton falls out you're eligible.

Giving someone a good press doesn't necessarily earn an editor a permanent friend. Harry Vatz has a dog named Honey that we printed nice things about a year or two back. The other day the publicized canine barked angrily at us as we passed the Vatz residence.

Complaining to Harry, we got an explanation for this lack of cordiality. "Honey figures you ain't done nothing for him lately," the Fashion Center tycoon told us.

Being hospitable to Sea Gull and Seafarer campers and counselors is an ideal way to plug our town. These youngsters hail from many states and some foreign countries. They can spread the message.

Lucia Hutchinson Peel (formerly of New Bern) can count on prolonged applause, when she stars as Daisy May in the East Carolina College Summer Theater production of *Lil Abner*.

Her husband Junie (Superior Court Judge Elbert Peel of Williamston) and her two daughters will comprise a special cheering section. Lucia, an ex-Miss Georgia, is perhaps best remembered for the Romper Room show she did on WNCT-Greenville prior to her marriage here.

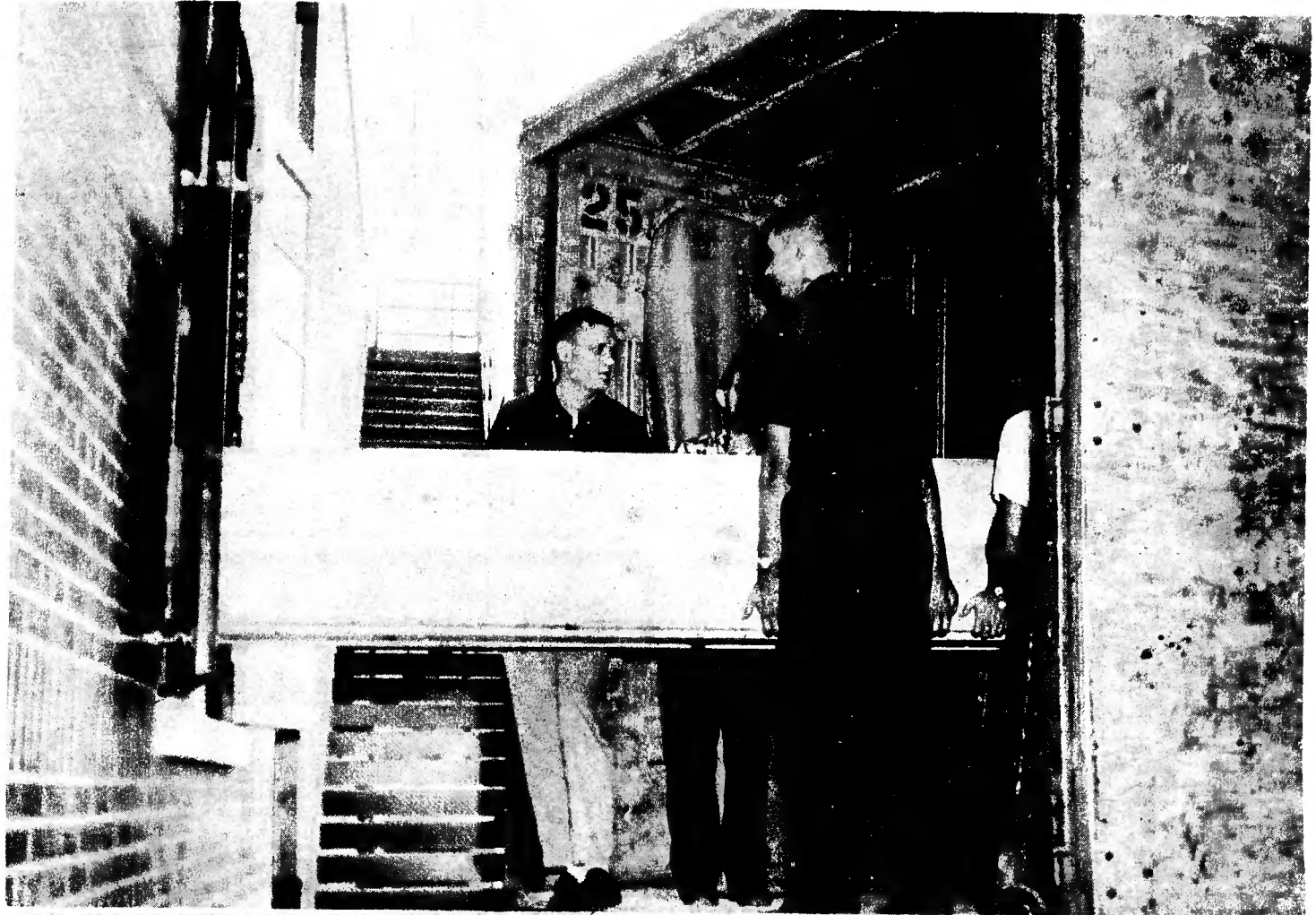
It's a pleasure to say something nice about the Gray Ladies who inconspicuously perform their labor of love at Craven County Hospital. Without financial compensation, they cheerfully help patients daily.

Naturally, since they don't claim to be nurses, these kind-hearted local women stay strictly within their field. They do assist in the admission of patients, and escort patients to and from the laboratory, X-ray department and physical therapy rooms.

Other thoughtful deeds include writing letters, making phone calls, and reading magazines and newspapers to the ailing or injured. On your next trip to the hospital, to visit a relative or friend, smile and say "Thanks" to the first Gray Lady you encounter there.

New Bern, like every town, has its share of reckless teenagers, but compare their number with the dozens of adults who endanger their own lives

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**TREASURE CHEST**—This box, arriving at Carolina Telephone's central office here, isn't filled with gold, but it does contain part of the equipment for a new \$179,000 installation. Starting November 24, subscribers in New Bern, Atlantic, Bayboro, Beaufort, Have-

lock, Marshallburg, Morehead City, Newport, Oriental, Trenton, Vanceboro, and Pollocksville will be able to dial their own station-to-station long distance calls. How's that for keeping up with the times?



**ALSO VALUABLE**—Like the much larger box in the photo above, this one contained something of importance. Inside were a dozen baseballs autographed by Babe Ruth and flown to New Bern. One look at the Mirror's editor, then Coastal Plain League statistician,

who presented the balls to kids at Kafer Park, and President Jack Lee of the New Bern Bears will convince you that this picture wasn't made yesterday. So what! You're older now, too.